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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicant's representative thanks Examiner Chang for the indication of allowable subject matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 37-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sahlman et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,693,902; hereinafter Sahlman) in view of McMillen et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,243,361; hereinafter McMillen) and further in view of Ohara (U.S. Patent No. 5,144,297) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, the allowable matter of claim 56 has been incorporated into claim 37. The allowable matter of claim 55 has been incorporated into claim 41. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 38-40 and 42-52 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 37 or claim 41 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-36, 54, 57 and 58 are allowed (see page 7, section 4 of the Office Action).

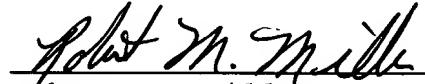
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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